Tunable Diode Lasers
UV, Visible, Infrared - Digital Control - Wavelength Stabilization

Atom/Ion Laser Cooling & Trapping
Degenerate Quantum Gases
Color Centers, Microresonators, Quantum Dots
Quantum Communication, Computation & Simulation
Quantum Metrology, Sensing & Spectroscopy
Nanostructuring & Testing

Lithium magneto-optical trap (R. Hulet, Rice University, Houston, USA).

Atom Laser Cooling & Trapping
- Laser cooling
- Magneto-optical trapping
- Dipole traps and optical lattices

Ion trap (R. Blatt, Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information, Innsbruck, Austria).

Color Centers
- E.g. N-V, Si-V, Ge-V in diamond
- Quantum optics
- Spintronics

Quantum dot (M. Mohler, Physics Department - IFW, University of Stuttgart, Germany)

Quantum Dots
- Single & correlated photons
- Nanophotonics
- Semiconductor lasers

Microresonators and couplers (O. Benson, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Germany).

Magnetometry
- Optical atom and ion clocks
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Holography principle for optical gratings (TOPTICA Photonics AG).

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ARCLITE LIDAR system, Greenland (photo by Craig Haiselman).

Quantum Sensing
- Magnetometry
- Electrometry
- Inertial & gravitation sensing

NV Scanning Probe Magnetometry (L. Rodin, Laboratoire Aimé Cotton, Orsay, France).

Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC)
- Degenerate Fermi gases (DFG)
- Feshbach resonances

Centre for Quantum Photonics, University of Bristol, UK.

Sensing & Spectroscopy
- LIDAR & Guide Star
- Trace gas analysis
- Spectroscopy

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- Doppler cooling
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- Dipole traps and optical lattices

Quantum Simulation & Computation
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- Quantum teleportation
- Photon storage & EIT

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Single-spin addressing in an atomic Mott insulator (I. Bloch, MPQ, Garching, Germany).

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DIGITAL REVOLUTION IN LASER CONTROL
Lowest Noise and Highest Convenience

In the last years, external cavity diode lasers (ECDLs) have experienced a tremendous improvement. Since its introduction, TOPTICA’s DL pro leads the field of tunable diode lasers, thanks to its lowest noise and drift levels. It provides intuitive touch control and powerful remote operation to run and frequency-stabilize all of TOPTICA’s tunable diode lasers: DL pro, CTL, TA pro, DFB pro, DL / TA-SHG pro and DL / TA-FHG pro. Experiments requiring a narrow linewidth or large coherence length as well as setups needing remote laser control will highly benefit from the revolutionary digital laser controller DLC pro.

DLC pro - digital laser control
- All-digital controller for TOPTICA’s tunable diode lasers DL pro, TA pro, CTL, DFB pro, DL / TA-SHG pro and DL / TA-FHG pro
- Extremely low noise and lowest drift
- Convenient dials & multi-touch user interface
- Remote PC GUI and command control
- Intelligent locking features

Convenience
The user can operate the digital controller DLC pro via dials, buttons and a user-friendly touch display. The well-organized PC graphical user interface (PC GUI) software and a command line interface allow remote operation via Ethernet or USB. The DLC pro directly displays signals from the experiment or the laser on the touch screen and/or the PC GUI in x/y-, t- or FFT-mode, reducing the need for additional external oscilloscopes. As special feature, one can adjust scan parameters with multi-gestures on the touch screen, as if using a modern smartphone. A software key activates the optionally available package DLC pro Lock. It provides a Lock-in-type locking module with two feedback PID channels. Complex operations like laser locking are now as simple as never before. For example, frequency locking can be activated with the click of a mouse or the touch of a fingertips (“Click & Lock” and “Tip & Lock”) to locking points suggested by the DLC pro. In addition, advanced ReLock functions are integrated as well.

The DLC pro can also be combined with TOPTICA’s well-established fast locking modules FALC and DigiLock via an external extension rack (DLC ext).

The unprecedented passive stability of the DLC pro simplifies the use of single-frequency tunable diode lasers dramatically. For example, frequency and power drifts are suppressed, and mode-hopping is reduced or even excluded. The DLC pro also comes with integrated power stabilization and for some systems with optional automatic alignment.

Convenient laser control via remote PC operation: Users can easily set all relevant parameters via the graphical user interface.

Precision
The DLC pro features laser diode current, temperature and piezo drivers with unprecedented noise and stability values, boosting the performance of TOPTICA’s established tunable diode lasers.

280 pA/√Hz @ 1 kHz and 430 mA with 30 kHz modulation bandwidth and 140 mV/√Hz @ 1 kHz and 140 V (small signal modulation bandwidth 3 kHz) are world’s best noise figures for laser current and piezo voltage drivers.

Thanks to the lowest noise characteristics, the DLC pro can reduce the free running linewidth of a DL pro even well below 10 kHz. For example, a self-heterodyne linewidth measurement of a free-running DLC DL pro laser at 1160 nm with narrow linewidth option, exhibits a fast linewidth (5 μs) of only 5 kHz.

Single-frequency diode lasers in general can exhibit significant frequency drifts if current, temperature or piezo voltages slightly change. With its stability values (< 3 ppm/K, < 140 μK/K and < 40 ppm/K, respectively) the DLC pro sets new standards within this respect. In many cases, the long-term frequency stability of a DLC pro driven laser system is so excellent that active frequency stabilization (locking) is not required. All parameters can be set reliably and with ultrahigh precision. For example, one can directly dial in the laser diode current with steps as small as 15 nA and the ECDL piezo voltage with 10 μV increments. We have integrated high-resolution analog-digital converters (24-bit, 300 kHz) for fast and efficient communication between the main-controller, the laser and the experiment.

Find a more detailed description of the DLC pro features on page 38-40.

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TUNABLE DIODE LASER TECHNOLOGY
Turning Laser Diodes into Diode Lasers

Laser diodes
Laser diodes are well established subcomponents in a variety of consumer products, like laser pointers, barcode scanners, or CD/DVD/Blue-ray drives. Their success story is driven by the fact that they are compact, conveniently operated, cost-effective, and highly efficient. However, the emission spectrum of bare laser diodes is broad, and the lasing wavelength is not well defined.

In general, the two facets of the laser diode form a resonator and determine the (longitudinal) lasing modes. The wide gain profile of the semiconductor supports many modes simultaneously, each with a different frequency. Even diodes with a single longitudinal mode exhibit mode-hopping upon slight variations of the chip temperature or driver current. The result is an imperfect, spectrally unstable laser diode.

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Wavelength tuning of an ECDL
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Fabricated-Perot (FP) diodes are available at many wavelengths. In an ECDL, the internal resonator of the FP diode acts as an etalon and contributes to the selection of the external lasing mode. The internal resonator is synchronized with the grating movement by changing the diode current simultaneously.

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The amplified TA pro and the frequency-converted DL/TA-SHG/FHG pro systems build on the superior DL pro. The TA chip unit includes collimation optics and can handle currents up to 10 A thanks to an optimized heat conductivity. The proprietary SHG/FHG cavities are air-sealed and allow for adjustment of key optical components from outside. If required, we employ patented kinematic mirror mounts based on flexure technology. They ensure the highest stability of beam steering and are easily accessible from the top.

The new DLC pro controller gets the best out of our pro technology/lasers. It provides lowest noise, best passive electronic stability, touch screen and remote control, frequency locking and other digitally enabled features. Together, they deliver that extra bit “more” that is required for leadership in instrument manufacturing or state-of-the-art physics experiments. One can focus fully on the task while the laser will simply do its job.

**pro technology**

- Stability
- Ease of use
- Thermal and acoustic ruggedness
- Hands-off operation wherever possible
- Flexure joints wherever expedient
- Internationally patented design

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**Patented resonator design (master)**

- Largest mode-hop-free tuning range
- Highest acoustic and thermal stability
- Latest production technologies (wire erosion)

**Optimized TA pro mount**

- Modular setup
- On-site exchange of pre-aligned components
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- DC & AC - coupled modulation board

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- All digital controller for TOPTICA’s tunable diode lasers DL pro, TA pro, CTL and DL-SHG pro
- Extremely low noise and precise control
- Intuitive and convenient

**Patented flexure-based ultra-stable kinematic mirror mounts**

- Accessible from top with closed laser head
- Wire erosion technology based
- Independent horizontal and vertical adjustment

**Proprietary resonator design (SHG-unit)**

- Air-sealed resonator
- Manufactured from one solid metal block
- Mirror mounts and SHG crystal adjustable with closed resonator lid

**Laser head machined from a solid metal block**

- Highest stability against vibration and acoustic noise
- Reduced long-term and temperature drift

**Laser linewidth and coherence length**

Laser linewidth and coherence length are inverse proportional with a numerical factor that depends on the exact spectral line shape. For a Gaussian profile, the coherence length is \( l_c = \frac{\lambda^2}{\Delta \nu} \) as long as the resultant is smaller than the product of the speed of light and the linewidth measurement time, i.e. 1500 m for 5 µs.

**Linewidth measurement**

In a delayed self-heterodyne linewidth measurement, the interfering lasers are split into two parts. One part is frequency-shifted by an acousto-optical modulator and delayed in a long fiber. Both beams are then overlapped on a fast detector.

The resulting beat signal between the laser and its delayed self can be observed e.g. with a RF spectrum analyzer. 1 km fiber length corresponds to a time delay of 5 µs and only frequency fluctuations within this time contribute. The laser linewidth is 1/2 ... 1/(2^N) times the width of the beat signal’s central peak as long as the corresponding coherence length is smaller than the optical fiber length.

If the laser’s coherence length is much larger, an interference modulates the beat signal and one can extract a linewidth value by matching the modulation depth with a parameterized model. Linewidth measurements on longer time scales are accomplished by measuring the beat width of two identical lasers with a fast detector and an RF spectrum analyzer, by using a Fabry-Perot interferometer or by directly determining the coherence length with a Michelson interferometer.

**Frequency references**

Active frequency stabilization of a laser calls for an external reference that serves as a frequency discriminator. Atomic or molecular absorption lines, spectral lines of a frequency comb or wavelengths are used for absolute stabilization and drift compensation. Relative frequency references include high-finesse optical resonators or etalons.

**Linewidth, frequency noise and drift**

The Schawlow-Townes formula provides a theoretical minimum of a laser’s linewidth, which can be very narrow in case of ECDLs. In reality, many processes affect the optical path length of the laser resonator and hence the laser frequency. Current fluctuations change the refractive index and the temperature within the laser diode. Acoustic noise and vibrations directly affect the mechanical resonator length. In an ECDL, temperature, air pressure and humidity modify the refractive index of air in the external resonator. Processes that are faster than the laser frequency measurement itself add to the laser’s technical linewidth. Slower processes will only lead to a frequency drift between successive measurements. When comparing linewidth values, it is important to consider the time scale of the measurement.
**Frequency Stabilization**

To actively frequency stabilize a laser, the laser frequency is compared with a set signal on a spectroscopy setup. The observed signal is demodulated at the modulation frequency with proper phase. The resulting derivative of the spectroscopy signal forms an error signal with zero-crossing and non-zero gradient at the frequency corresponding to the spectroscopy maximum. Again, a locking regulator stabilizes the laser frequency, this time to the top of the fringe. The modulation can be applied to the laser diode current or just to the light of the reference setup using an EOM or an AOM.

Linear phase narrowing & phase locking
One can reduce the linewidth of a laser and even lock its optical phase to a reference if the response of the locking circuit to deviations of the laser frequency phase is much faster than the speed at which these changes occur. For linewidth narrowing, one uses the Pound-Drever-Hall technique together with high finesse resonators where the optical phase locking is performed by beating the laser with a second one or a frequency comb. In both cases, the error signal generation is extremely fast and one can fully exploit the performance of special high-bandwidth locking electronics.

TOPTICA locking modules
TOPTICA takes pride in having the largest portfolio of locking units with outperforming characteristics: highest speed, maximum comfort, largest versatility, lowest noise and minimum drift. Whatever is important and whatever locking task has to be accomplished – the TOPTICA solution is already there. A description of our locking modules can be found on pages 38-42 of this catalog and on www.toptica.com. One can also use the integrated PID option of our wavelength meter if a laser has to be stabilized to them with relatively low bandwidth < 100 Hz, i.e. against drift.

TOPTICA is constantly working together with renowned partners on TA chip development. The main aims of these initiatives are:

- to provide TA chips at new wavelengths
- to improve the output power of TA chips
- to maintain the availability of TA chips

Examples for successful developments are the extension of the NIRA wavelength limit from 1064 nm to 1347 nm by several novel TA chips with multi-Watt output power, the introduction of a new TA chip for amplification around 650 nm and the re-establishment of TA chips that reliably provide > 500 mW at 670 nm. TOPTICA’s high power diode lasers are presented on pages 24-29.

**Amplification & Frequency Conversion**

Amplifying laser diodes
Specially shaped semiconductor optical amplifiers, or Tapered Amplifiers (TAs), serve to increase the power available from single-mode diode lasers in a Master Oscillator Power Amplifier (MOPA) configuration. The master laser beam is coupled into the single-mode channel of the TA chip, which mainly acts as a spatial mode filter. In the subsequent tapered section, this “perfect” beam is further amplified in single pass while freely diverging in the tapered plane but being confined in the orthogonal plane.

After exiting the large AR-coated output facet of the amplifier chip, this light can be shaped again into a high-quality beam with similar spectral quality as before. Typically, a small-signal gain of up to 20 dB and maximum output levels of up to 3.5 W can be achieved.

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**Second Harmonic Generation (SHG)**

The SHG process can be explained in two ways. In the wave picture, the fundamental electromagnetic wave with frequency \(\omega_1\) drives the polarization of a non-linear optic (NLO) crystal. Due to the non-linearity, the polarization oscillates also at the “second-harmonic” frequency \(\omega_2 = 2\omega_1\).

This causes the emission of a coherent electromagnetic wave at the frequency \(\omega_1\). In the photon picture, two photons of the fundamental laser wavelength \(\lambda_1\) are converted inside the NLO crystal into one photon with twice the original wavelength \(\lambda_2 = 0.5\lambda_1\). The SHG efficiency increases with the fundamental power, the non-linearity of the utilized crystal and proper phase matching.

**Phase matching:** \(n(2\lambda_1) = n(\lambda_1)\)

Phase matching implies that the refractive index \(n(\lambda)\) of the fundamental and the frequency-converted light are equal within the NLO crystal. This leads to a constructive interference of second-harmonic partial waves generated at different positions within the crystal along the direction of light propagation (wave picture). It also guarantees momentum conservation: Two photons of momenta \(p_1 = n(\lambda_1)\lambda_1\) are converted into one photon of momentum \(p_2 = n(\lambda_2)\lambda_2\). Dispersion usually prevents phase matching.

**Fourth Harmonic Generation (FHG)**

Fourth harmonic generation quadruples the frequency of an electromagnetic wave. TOPTICA’s FHG systems use two consecutive SHG stages in one laser head. In total, four photons of the fundamental laser with frequency \(\omega_1\) are converted into two photons with frequency \(\omega_2 = 2\omega_1\), and then into one photon with frequency \(\omega_4 = 4\omega_1\) and wavelength \(\lambda = 0.25\lambda_1\). By this method, we have demonstrated cw laser radiation down to 190 nm (1) with more than 15 mW at 190 nm (2).
CONTINUOUSLY TUNABLE DIODE LASERS
Mode-hop-free tuning across the full diode spectrum

Wide mode-hop-free tuning
Our Continuously Tunable Lasers (CTLs) scan smoothly without any mode-hopping over very wide ranges. Generally, wide mode-hop-free tuning requires excellent mechanical design and perfect alignment – the optical resonator has to be stable on a nm scale. Laser systems with passive resonator design can only achieve mode-hop-free tuning across a few nm up to a few 10 nm. In order to achieve wider and guaranteed mode-hop-free tuning – even across the full gain spectrum of the diode – not only excellent mechanical design is essential, but also active control is required.

The unique SMILE technology (Single Mode Intelligent Loop Engine, patent pending) ensures mode-hop-free operation across the complete gain spectrum of the diode.

The active control loop analyzes several signals in the laser head and optimizes the involved tuning elements. With TOPTICA’s SMILE, no mode-hopping occurs.

High resolution
Motorized coarse tuning and scanning happens with steps down to 0.3 pm in size. While individual steps can be seen in slow scans with a highly sensitive measurement, above a certain scan speed, scans are smooth. The maximum scan speed is 10 nm/s. If even higher resolution is desired, piezo scans can be performed across more than 500 motor steps. The piezo is addressed with 24 bits resolution, and the smallest piezo step size is smaller than 5 kHz.

For even more precise and high bandwidth modulation or regulation, direct access via a safe modulation circuit in the laser head offers modulation bandwidths of approx. 100 MHz. Utilizing this input, it is possible to phase lock or stabilize CTL down to the Hz level.

Low noise & drift
Narrow linewidth as well as low noise and drift, are important requisites for high resolution and repeatable spectral measurements. The linewidth of the CTL is smaller than 10 kHz (measured with delayed self-heterodyne setup with 5 μs delay) and allows highest resolution, while the completely digital electronics DLC pro offers the lowest drifts of diode current, temperature and piezo voltage commercially available – allowing for excellent stability and repeatability.

Exemplary measurements of the passive frequency stability and the linewidth of the DLC CTL laser system are shown on pages 14 and 15.

High resolution spectrum of iodine measured with CTL 950 from 915 to 985 nm. The zoom shows the immense resolution.

With piezo scanning more than two additional x500 zooms are possible to measure even finer features and resonances.
The CTL series lasers are operated with TOPTICA’s all digital and versatile DLC pro diode laser controller. This ensures not only flexibility and future compatibility, but also lowest noise and drift (digital signals do not drift) and convenient operation via touch screen, knobs and remote control. Remote control of the laser operation is possible via USB and TCP/IP, either with a PC graphical user interface or by integrating the DLC pro into customers’ software via a powerful command language.

**User interfaces**

Two comfortable user interfaces are provided for intuitive operation and control. A touch screen with four additional knobs shows the most important information and offers direct access to all necessary controls. Remote control via computer/ethernet is possible with the supplied comprehensive and powerful PC graphical user interface.

**Reliable – hands-off**

The DLC CTL is a hands-off laser system that requires no alignment or maintenance. The cavity is optically closed and stable by design, usually without the necessity of readjusting movable parts for cavity optimization.

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Wavelength range will be continuously expanded. Please inquire for your wavelength of choice.

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**Measurement of the CTL 950 linewidth with a self-heterodyne beat experiment with a 1 km (5 μs) delay fiber.** The result is a linewidth of approximately 5 kHz.

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Another important application for CTLs are quantum dots. These act as artificial atoms in solid-state systems. Unlike real atoms, semiconductor quantum dots can be grown and placed in a controlled fashion, e.g. in photonic crystal cavities and even enable cavity QED experiments in the solid state (taken with permission from Peter Lodahl et al., Reviews of modern physics 87, p. 347 (2015)).

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**DLC CTL**

Continuously Tunable Laser

**Total touch, knob & remote control**

The CTL series lasers are operated with TOPTICA’s all digital and versatile DLC pro diode laser controller. This ensures not only flexibility and future compatibility, but also lowest noise and drift (digital signals do not drift) and convenient operation via touch screen, knobs and remote control. Remote control of the laser operation is possible via USB and TCP/IP, either with a PC graphical user interface or by integrating the DLC pro into customers’ software via a powerful command language.

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**User interfaces**

Two comfortable user interfaces are provided for intuitive operation and control. A touch screen with four additional knobs shows the most important information and offers direct access to all necessary controls. Remote control via computer/ethernet is possible with the supplied comprehensive and powerful PC graphical user interface.

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TUNABLE DIODE LASERS
External Cavity and DFB Diode Lasers

Tunable diode lasers have been TOPTICA's core expertise since 1995, when the first DL 100 lasers found their way into scientific laboratories. Many years of continuous development followed – along with thousands of individually manufactured and customer-proven diode lasers.

Thanks to the introduction of the patented pro technology in 2007, TOPTICA has consolidated and enlarged its market leadership in external-cavity diode laser (ECDL) technology. The popular DL pro has surpassed the DL 100 in the established base. Researches all around the world enjoy its stability and longevity from undergraduate students to Nobel laureates. The DL pro is the laser of choice particularly for demanding experiments that need stable locking of several lasers, narrow linewidth (available as a special option at many wavelengths) and easy tuning. The DFB pro is TOPTICA's new tunable laser incorporating DFB or DMR diodes. It offers larger mode-hop-free tuning ranges at reduced coarse-tuning ranges and increased linewidth compared to the DL pro. Due to the lack of alignment sensitive optical elements, DFB pro lasers are suited particularly for applications in noisy environments.

With the first all-digital control electronics DLC pro TOPTICA has taken yet another leap forward in stable, easy to use diode lasers. It offers larger mode-hop-free tuning ranges at reduced coarse-tuning ranges and increased linewidth compared to the DL pro. Due to the lack of alignment sensitive optical elements, DFB pro lasers are suited particularly for applications in noisy environments.

DLC DL pro
Ultra-Stable Tunable Diode Laser with Digital Control

The DLC DL pro unites TOPTICA's well-established DL pro laser head with its patented resonator design and the all-digital control electronics DLC pro. Owing to its low noise and drift values, the DLC DL pro achieves even narrower linewidths and better stability.

At the same time, the system provides a most convenient user interface with intuitive touch, dial and total remote control. For detailed specifications of the DLC pro, please see page 38-40. Just like the first laser of the pro series, the DL pro, demonstrated how much even a well-established instrument like the DL 100 can be further improved, the first pro laser control electronics, the DLC pro, leads to a huge improvement in performance.

Main advantages
The main advantages of the DLC DL pro for the user include large mode-hop-free tuning, alignment-free operation and the highest acoustic and thermal stability of any ECDL on the market.

This translates to a product that delivers the most reliable and convenient operation for high-end laboratory work.

Sophisticated and patented technology
To achieve the highest performance and ease of use, the DL pro mechanics possesses degrees of freedom exactly where they are needed. Coarse and fine-tuning have been skillfully separated: A well-defined rotation of the grating performs coarse tuning and precisely selects any requested wavelength within the gain spectrum of the diode. Mode-hop-free tuning is realized by a system of robust flexure joints that require only tiny adjustments. They rotate the laser's grating around the perfect virtual pivot point.

The compact and stable external-cavity resonator has its first mechanical resonance above 4 kHz - one reason for its superior acoustic stability. Special care has been taken in choosing dimensions and materials with reduced sensitivity to variations of the ambient temperature. In addition to its stability, the DL pro is easy to align: The experienced user can even exchange the laser diode on-site.

Options
- Single and double-stage isolators (page 45)
- Fiber-coupled output with FiberDock (single-mode, polarization-maintaining)
- DLC pro Lock, integrated digital frequency stabilization (page 39)
- DLC ext allows to combine the DLC pro with advanced locking modules DiLocK 110 and FALC 110 (p. 41-43)
- Beam shaping (page 22)
- Motorized wavelength selection with an accuracy of approximately ± 0.2 nm (for most wavelengths, page 22)

Laser frequency response to a 10 Kelvin air temperature change (laser and electronics inside a climate chamber).

DLC pro laser transfer function. Below 4 kHz no acoustic resonances can be detected.

The measured beat signal of two free-running DL pro at 1160 nm. 100 scans with sweep times of 50 ms have been averaged. The two laser systems are of the same build and contribute equally to the residual noise.

Check our regularly updated diode stock list: www.laser-diodes.com
Due to new laser diode developments, the maximum single-frequency output power of visible and UV tunable diode lasers is no longer limited by the damage threshold of the laser diode. However, achieving reliable single-frequency operation of an external cavity diode laser (ECDL) becomes increasingly difficult at high power levels.

Small variations of the laser diode current or its temperature can cause mode-hopping - which corresponds to an abrupt jump in laser frequency by several GHz - or even lead to multi-mode operation of the laser.

Higher power from visible & UV ECDLs

The new DLC DL pro HP diode laser overcomes former output power limits of ECDLs in two ways. First, it features a specific version of the DL pro laser head with a proprietary resonator design and provides increased single-mode power at "visible" wavelengths. Second, the new digital driving electronics DLC pro enables unamplified current and temperature stability. The combination of both achievements delivers record values of single-frequency output power from visible to UV ECDLs, for example 110 mW at 399 nm or 461 nm.

Coarse- and fine-tuning

Manual coarse tuning of the wavelength is possible across the full gain spectrum of the laser diode (for blue and UV diodes approximately 2-3 nm) and mode-hop-free fine-tuning covers scan ranges up to 50 GHz. Typical short term linewidths are below 150 kHz, corresponding to coherence lengths of > 600 m. Single-mode wavelengths include 399 nm, 423 nm and 633 nm. Other wavelengths between 394 nm and 640 nm are available on request. See preconfigured TOPSeller on the next page.

Integrated optical isolator

The DL pro HP laser head features two inputs with protection circuit for fast AC & DC modulation of the laser diode current. These are typically used for fast frequency modulation or locking. A preslected 35 dB optical isolator is also integrated. The DLC pro digital electronics (see page 38-40) allows convenient operation via touch screen and remote control.

Options

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- DLC pro Lock, integrated digital frequency stabilization (p. 39)
- DLC ext allows to combine the DLC pro with advanced locking modules DiLock 110 and FALC 110 (p. 41/42)
- Beam shaping
- Motorized wavelength selection with an accuracy of approximately ± 0.2 nm

The DLC DL pro is used in various applications and is designed to be used with various laser diodes. TOPTICA is in close contact with researchers to identify and meet the specific needs. Some applications are in fact so popular that we have defined laser systems specific to them. For example the most popular application of the DL pro is the laser cooling of rubidium, in which the laser wavelength is tuned very close to the Rb D1 line at 780.24 nm.

The ten TOPSellers of the DLC DL pro and DLC DL pro HP are direct solutions for the most popular applications. They are configured just in the way they are required for the integration to the lab. The fitting laser diode and optical isolator are included. This allows for shorter delivery times of a few weeks and, due to simple installation and integration, significantly reduces the production process, for reduced prices relative to competitor systems.

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The DLC DL pro and DLC DL pro HP Wavelengths and Specifications

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High stability & ease of use
Distributed feedback (DFB) and Distributed feedback-reflector (DBR) lasers unite wide tunability and high output power. The frequency-selective element, a Bragg grating, is integrated into the active section of the semiconductor and ensures continuous single-frequency operation. Due to the absence of alignment-sensitive components, DFB lasers exhibit an exceptional stability and reliability. The lasers work under the most adverse environmental conditions – even in the Arctic or in airborne experiments.

Three laser heads
The new DFB pro laser series integrates both DFB and DBR diodes. Three laser heads accommodate different diode packages: the compact DFB pro and its “big brother” DFB pro L integrate 9 mm or TO3-type diodes. The DFB pro BFY offers a dedicated laser head for butterfly-type diodes. Available wavelengths include 633 nm and the entire range from 760 nm to 3500 nm.

Thermal and electric frequency tuning
Frequency tuning of DFB/DBR lasers is accomplished by varying either the chip temperature or the operating current. Typical thermal tuning coefficients are ~25 GHz/K at 760 nm and ~10 GHz/K at 1.5 μm. Thermal tuning achieves mode-hop-free scan ranges of several hundred GHz, at a moderate tuning speed of ~100 GHz/s. This tuning mode lends itself to applications that require wide, continuous scans, such as molecular spectroscopy, gas sensing, or the generation of continuous-wave terahertz waves.

By contrast, laser-current tuning spans a smaller frequency range, but works up to MHz rates. The electric tuning coefficient usually amounts to 1-10 GHz/mA. Electric tuning thus enables fast and highly precise scans, as required for atomic physics or phase-shifting interferometry.

Touch-panel control
The new DFB pro lasers are conveniently controlled with the DLC pro. All of the popular features of the DLC pro are supported: the user-friendly touch display, remote control via Ethernet, “click and lock” operation. In addition, users can choose between a “wide scan”, which changes the laser temperature in a well-controlled manner, and a fast scan that acts on the laser current.

Laser frequency control has never been that easy!

Options
- Beam shaping
- Single-stage or double-stage optical isolation
- Fiber coupling
- Frequency stabilization option DLC pro Lock (see page 39)

Principle of operation
The well-proven performance of the DL 100 results from its Littrow-type external cavity laser setup in a simple but rugged design. All over the world, scientists and engineers use the DL 100 for numerous experiments, from simple absorption spectroscopy to multi-species BECs.

Fine thread screws permit coarse manual tuning, while precise mode-hop-free scans are driven by a piezo actuator. Lockable, three-dimensional adjustments together with metal flexures provide rigid control of both the laser beam collimation and the grating feeding. The laser resonator is thermally stabilized by means of a Peltier cooling element, connected to the DTC 110 Diode Temperature Control.

Low noise operation of the DL 100 is achieved by means of the Diode Current Control DCC 110. In addition, TOPTICA offers a variety of regulator modules to stabilize the laser frequency.

Options
- Optical isolators
- Beam shaping
- Fiber-coupling
- DC/A.C. coupled modulation board
- Locking modules for SYS, DC 110:
  - DigiLock 110, FALC 110,
  - PID 110, PM 110

Modular design
The DL 100 diode laser head comprises a mounting base which serves as heat sink, a temperature sensor and Peltier cooling element for active temperature control, a laser base plate, a laser diode holder with a collimator and a grating mount with a piezo actuator for precise tuning.

The laser diode itself can be easily exchanged by replacing the diode holder without dismantling the setup. The DL 100 is available with AR and FP-type diodes. FP-diodes deliver higher power at lower cost, while AR-coated diodes offer wider tuning, more stable single-mode behavior and narrower linewidths. The control and supply units are designed as modular plugins which can be combined to meet any application requirement. Further modules like Scan Control, PID regulator and Pound-Drever-Hall detector complete the modular electronics setup.

Hands-on setup
The DL 100 has evolved in research laboratories and therefore offers the necessary versatility for a changing environment. For instance, all important alignment parameters are easily accessible from above and are adjustable by lockable fine threadscrews. If an OEM application requires a fixed laser setup with limited user access, TOPTICA can also provide “hands-off” laser systems.

Reasonably priced
A DL 100 laser system is the most economic and flexible step into the “World of Tunable Diode Lasers”. If even more stable and convenient operation is required, the DL pro systems are the recommended alternatives (see pages 17-19).

Check our regularly updated diode stock list: www.laser-diodes.com
A number of options allow to optimize the laser system towards the specific needs of the application. While our TOPSellers provide pre-configured solutions to a number of applications, the DLC DL pro and DLC DL pro HP systems is customizable with the following options:

### Narrow linewidth

With this option DL pro laser systems are optimized for narrow linewidths. It is also suited for seed lasers of TA pro or NLO systems but not for DL pro HP, DFB pro or DL 100 lasers.

### Fiber Coupling (FiberDock)

TOPTICA’s patented fiber coupler provides highest single-mode fiber-coupling efficiencies, easy alignment and at the same time highest stability. TOPTICA additionally offers a wide range of single-mode and polarization-maintaining fibers, including fiber-optic beam splitters. Optical isolation is mandatory for fiber-coupled die laser systems. This option is also available for TOPSellers DLC DL pro and DLC DL pro HP.

### Optical Isolation

Isolators are used to protect the laser diode against back reflections. This not only prevents damage to the diode but also ensures untroubled tuning and single-frequency operation. Fiber-coupling with angle-polished fibers (both ends) require at least a single-stage isolator (> 30 dB). Double-stage isolators are needed if reflections from the experiment into the laser are expected. Fiber-coupling with non-angle-polished fibers also requires a double-stage isolator (> 60 dB). TOPSellers are always equipped with the appropriate optical isolator. See page 45 for details of the isolators.

### Beam Shaping

To shape elliptical laser beams into round profiles, either an anamorphic prism pair (APP) or cylindrical lenses are used. The compressed circular beam is small enough for using inexpensive small-aperture isolators, and the fiber-coupling efficiency is enhanced by approximately 10 %. The compression ratio is set at the factory.

### Motorization

The motorization of the coarse tuning offers manual control and operation via software interface. This option is available for most DL pro laser systems (most AR laser diodes and some FP diodes) including DL pro HP laser systems. Please note that unlike for the DLC CTL systems (p. 12) mode-hopping during the scan may occur. This leads to an approximate accuracy and repeatability specification of ±0.2 nm of the laser wavelength. Not available for the DL 100 or for DFB pro.

### Bias-T

The DL pro (HP) has two modulation inputs that allow current modulation frequencies of up to 150 MHz. A Bias-T allows even higher current modulation frequencies of up to several GHz, depending on the diode. It is also suited for seed lasers of TA or NLO systems. DL 100 laser have a Bias-T included that may be activated by setting of a jumper.

### Electronics Modules

A broad variety of electronic locking modules is available for frequency stabilization. See pages 41-43 for details of the modules like DigiLock 110 and FALC 110 etc.

### DL Series Laser Head Options

- **DLC DL pro with narrow linewidth option.**
- **DL pro with integrated optical isolator and fiber coupling using a FiberDock.**

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**How to choose your DL series configuration**

1. **Specify the type of laser system needed.**
   - **ECDL** for high resolution applications.
   - **Direct diode** for best price and shortest delivery time.

2. **Choose the laser diode coating.**
   - **AR coated and FP laser diodes** for long term operation and high power.
   - **DFB and DBR diodes** for ultra-high stability and mode-hop-free tuning-range (MHFTR).

3. **Select the optical isolator configuration.**
   - **Optional** for most DL pro systems (most AR laser diodes and some FP diodes) including DL pro HP laser systems. Not available for DL 100 or for DFB pro.
   - **Included** for TOPSellers DLC DL pro and DLC DL pro HP.

4. **Determine the wavelength range.**
   - **4.6 GHz - 20 GHz** for TA pro or NLO systems but not for DL pro HP, DFB pro or DL 100 lasers.

5. **Configure the system.**
   - **Configure system, possibly with fiber coupling (FiberDock).**

6. **Order the TOPSellers for best price and shorter delivery time.**

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For contact information see backside of this catalog.
High Power
Tunable Laser and Amplifier Systems in the Watt Regime

Single-mode diode lasers often do not meet the power requirements of applications. With tapered amplifiers (TAs, see page 11) the power can easily increase to the Watt level without impairing the spectral quality of the seed laser. Besides, TAs offer excellent beam quality (M² < 1.5 or 2).

TOPTICA offers complete and integrated Master Oscillator Power Amplifier (MOPA) systems with stable beam pointing and output power (TA pro) as well as amplifier only solutions (BoostTA pro). Both offer power levels up to 3.5 W, while the BoostTA is the most cost efficient solution providing up to 1.5 W output power.

The TA pro is a member of TOPTICA’s pro series and consistently follows the concept of maximum stability and ease of use. This product consists of a grating stabilized diode laser and a tapered semiconductor amplifier. The Master-Oscillator Power-Amplifier (MOPA) concept combines the tunability and linewidth of the DL pro seed laser with the high power and excellent beam quality available from tapered amplifiers. Master oscillator and power amplifier are independently driven by a pair of temperature and current controllers. Potentially, highly stable, flexure based mirror mounts ensure easy coupling of the master laser into the tapered amplifier and prevent intensity fluctuations caused by beam pointing variations. For beam shaping, TOPTICA uses custom-made optical components, achieving an excellent beam profile and highest single-mode fiber-coupling efficiencies.

The DLC TA pro comes with TOPTICA’s new Dickson Tunable Laser Driver (DLC) pro. The digital control electronics deliver the highest currents (powers), lowest noise and drift (narrow linewidth) and the most convenient user interfaces. SYST TA pro is the more cost efficient alternative with analog double stage SYS DC series electronics.

Integrated system with high-quality components

The TA pro consists of a grating-stabilized diode laser and a tapered semiconductor amplifier. A high-quality optical isolator placed between master laser and amplifier eliminates spurious back-reflections and thus guarantees spectrally robust operation.

Between isolator and tapered amplifier a probe beam is tapped off and made available for spectral stabilization and monitoring purposes. All mechanical and optical components are integrated in a housing that is machined from one solid block. The complete system has proven its stability in numerous tests both in TOPTICA’s laboratories and in many customers’ experiments.

Active power stabilization included

DLC TA pro systems feature integrated photo diodes that monitor the seed and output powers to prevent damage to and premature aging of the amplifier chip. With the free DLC pro firmware update to version 1.4 or higher we have added active power stabilization. Not only can the power be stabilized at the integrated photo diodes, but also on external photo diodes in your experiment – exactly where you need it.

Key advantages

The integrated MOPA (Master-Oscillator Power-Amplifier) system provides unmatched stability against acoustic noise, vibrations and ambient temperature changes. The TA pro is easy to align, very stable when aligned, and it offers the best possible beam quality available from tapered amplifiers. The TA pro comes in five standard wavelengths, but further wavelengths between 632 nm and 1465 nm are available as well. The output power at a specific wavelength depends on available TA chips and master laser diodes. Thanks to a new high-current laser driver, the most powerful TA pro systems now achieve power levels up to 3.5 W.

Prepared for high bandwidth locking

The TA pro system is ideally prepared for high bandwidth power and frequency stabilization as well as linewidth reduction by acting on the laser and/or amplifier current through several high bandwidth modulation inputs. TOPTICA offers various solutions for stabilization tasks, e.g. Pound-Drever-Hall or phase locking.

DLC TA pro systems come with TOPTICA’s all digital DLC pro. It delivers lowest drift and noise and at the same time highest amplifier currents: 5 A with CC-5000 and with the optional surcharge SUR TA / HP up to 10 A. DLC pro is conveniently controlled via touch display, knobs or remotely via TCP/IP or USB. More information on DLC pro can be found on pages 39 & 40. Alternatively, the TA pro is still available with TOPTICA’s proven analog electronics SYS DC 110 as SYST TA pro. Please inquire.

Key Features

- MOPA concept with DL pro master and tapered amplifier
- Powers up to 3.5 W
- Amplifier currents up to 5 A / 10 A
- Excellent beam quality: typ. M² < 1.5
- DC & AC-coupled modulation ports for both master laser and amplifier
- Probe-beam output
- Output power stabilization

Check our regularly updated diode and TA chip stock list: www.laser-diodes.com

TA pro - next generation of amplified tunable diode lasers - with all digital DLC pro driving electronics.
TA pro TOPSeller and Customized Versions

Optimized Systems for Selected Applications

Pre-configured TA pro systems have proven themselves as workhorses in numerous quantum optics laboratories around the world. TOPTICA’s TA pro TOPSellers are value priced and can be combined with multiple options. Optical isolation of the output beam is highly recommended.

Customized Solutions

Based on more than 30 different TA-Chips a very broad range of wavelengths and powers can be realized with customized versions of TA pro systems (graph on page 24, see also tapered amplifier stock list at www.toptica.com/laser diodes). They are open and flexible systems, and can be modified according to individual needs (see options). In case you don’t find your preferred features please don’t hesitate to contact us. We are happy to discuss your individual needs and are prepared to create flexible solutions. There are many more possibilities not listed here.

Options

- Optical isolator for TA output (recommended)
- Surcharge SUR TA / HP for higher currents (DLC pro: 10 A, SYST. 6 A)
- Fiber-coupling of TA output and/or probe beam (output FiberDock requires optical isolation)
- Narrow linewidth resonator
- DFB master laser
- Motorized wavelength selection
- Bias-T for high bandwidth frequency modulation
- Locking option DLC pro Lock and Digilock 110, PDD 110, PASC 110, etc.

For customers who wish to boost the power of existing lasers, coherent stand-alone amplifiers offer an attractive solution.

TOPTICA’s BoosTA product line provides efficient optical amplification without compromising the high spectral and spatial beam quality of the master laser.

Semiconductor optical amplifier for more laser power

TOPTICA’s new stand-alone optical amplifier BoosTA pro increases the output power of a DL pro or any other linearly polarized master laser by up to 20 dB. Following TOPTICA’s well-established pro-technology, the TA chip is mounted in a compact unit with optimized heat management and beam-shaping optics.

Options

- Optical output isolator, 30 or 60 dB (integrated in amplifier head)
- Fiber-coupled input
- Fiber-coupled output (requires optical isolation)
- Operation with standard rack SYS DC 110

A compact, external power supply (DC HP) drives the amplifier head and allows effortless operation - even of current hungry TA chips at wavelengths with lower gain. Researchers thus benefit from output power levels up to 3.5 W with currents up to 7 A.

The BoosTA pro head also includes a high-bandwidth current modulation board, which - when used in a closed feedback loop - allows compensating power fluctuations of the master laser by adjusting the amplifier gain. The board features a protective circuit to avoid the risk of chip damage. The beam management of the seed laser can be greatly simplified by fiber input coupling, which is optionally available as well as fiber-output coupling. Optical output isolation is provided by TOPTICA. The BoosTA pro head has sufficient space for a 60 dB isolator to protect the TA chip from back reflections.

To determine the available tuning range and output power for your desired wavelengths, please contact TOPTICA. For an overview, please see the table on page 26, the graph on page 24 and check our regularly updated amplifier stock list on www.laser-diodes.com. The stock list shows the required amplifier current for achieving the maximum specified output power. BoosTA pro offers a maximum current of 7 A.

Optimized Systems for Selected Applications

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DLC TA pro TOPSeller

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<th>Wavelength range [nm]</th>
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Customized Solutions

Based on more than 30 different TA-Chips a very broad range of wavelengths and powers can be realized with customized versions of TA pro systems (graph on page 24, see also tapered amplifier stock list at www.toptica.com/laser diodes). They are open and flexible systems, and can be modified according to individual needs (see options). In case you don’t find your preferred features please don’t hesitate to contact us. We are happy to discuss your individual needs and are prepared to create flexible solutions. There are many more possibilities not listed here.

Options

- Optical isolator for TA output (recommended)
- Surcharge SUR TA / HP for higher currents (DLC pro: 10 A, SYST. 6 A)
- Fiber-coupling of TA output and/or probe beam (output FiberDock requires optical isolation)
- Narrow linewidth resonator
- DFB master laser
- Motorized wavelength selection
- Bias-T for high bandwidth frequency modulation
- Locking option DLC pro Lock and Digilock 110, PDD 110, PASC 110, etc.

For customers who wish to boost the power of existing lasers, coherent stand-alone amplifiers offer an attractive solution.

TOPTICA’s BoosTA product line provides efficient optical amplification without compromising the high spectral and spatial beam quality of the master laser.

Semiconductor optical amplifier for more laser power

TOPTICA’s new stand-alone optical amplifier BoosTA pro increases the output power of a DL pro or any other linearly polarized master laser by up to 20 dB. Following TOPTICA’s well-established pro-technology, the TA chip is mounted in a compact unit with optimized heat management and beam-shaping optics.

Options

- Optical output isolator, 30 or 60 dB (integrated in amplifier head)
- Fiber-coupled input
- Fiber-coupled output (requires optical isolation)
- Operation with standard rack SYS DC 110

A compact, external power supply (DC HP) drives the amplifier head and allows effortless operation - even of current hungry TA chips at wavelengths with lower gain. Researchers thus benefit from output power levels up to 3.5 W with currents up to 7 A.

The BoosTA pro head also includes a high-bandwidth current modulation board, which - when used in a closed feedback loop - allows compensating power fluctuations of the master laser by adjusting the amplifier gain. The board features a protective circuit to avoid the risk of chip damage. The beam management of the seed laser can be greatly simplified by fiber input coupling, which is optionally available as well as fiber-output coupling. Optical output isolation is provided by TOPTICA. The BoosTA pro head has sufficient space for a 60 dB isolator to protect the TA chip from back reflections.

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Compact and cost efficient semiconductor optical amplifier

For customers with moderate power requirements, the BoosTA offers a cost efficient alternative to the BoosTA pro while still being superior to self-built solutions. It comes pre-aligned and tested with a suitable seed laser, and users can readily insert it into their experimental set-up.

The BoosTA comprises a selected tapered amplifier chip as well as proprietary collimation optics, which help to achieve the best possible output beam profile. Control electronics for TA chip temperature and driver current is integrated into the laser head. The current can either be set manually via a rotary potentiometer, or remotely via an RS 232 interface. An external power supply minimizes the impact of thermal and electronic radiation (EMC) on the amplifier head.

Fiber input and output coupling as well as integration of an optical output isolator in the amplifier head are optionally available like for the BoosTA pro. The fiber-coupled system provides high flexibility in the optical beam path, reduces complexity on the optical table and increases the long-term stability of the experimental set-up. It is even possible to combine two different seed lasers, e.g. in a polarization-maintaining fiber array, and amplify both wavelengths simultaneously in a single BoosTA system. This concept is widely used for the generation of tunable, continuous-wave terahertz radiation.

Available BoosTA power levels depend on the particular TA chip and the available current. The BoosTA offers a maximum current of 2.5 A - sufficient for output powers up to 1.5 W.

The table below lists common wavelengths and available powers from BoosTA and BoosTA pro with typical required amplifier currents.

### Options
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- Fiber-coupled input
- Fiber-coupled output (requires optical isolation)

### Specifications

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*With gaps   **With TOPTICA master laser   ***Requires PM fiber FC/APC   ****With TOPTICA’s FiberDock, isolation required.
FREQUENCY-CONVERTED LASERS
Tunable Diode Lasers for Visible and UV Wavelengths

Standard systems and customized solutions

By combining comprehension of diode laser technology and extensive experience in frequency conversion, TOPTICA’s lasers achieve the highest output power levels and the best performance on the market. Frequency converted lasers are available at wavelengths between 205 nm and 680 nm, with only few spectral gaps, and special solutions down to 190 nm. Novel developments like the digital controller DLC pro, AutoAlign functionality, or the

Super-UV option allow for the easiest possible operation. Together with our customers, TOPTICA’s experts will identify the best product and tailor it according to specific requirements in terms of output power, wavelength and flexibility. For dedicated applications, we provide pre-configured TOPSeller systems. But if our standard product families do not match your needs, we will go one step further - do not hesitate to challenge us!

The SHG wavelength is tuned by altering the fundamental laser color. Mode-hop-free tuning of tens of gigahertz is realized by scanning the fundamental laser while the SHG resonator follows automatically. Coarse tuning over several nanometers is achieved by manually changing the wavelength of the fundamental laser. Only if phase matching has to be optimized a realignment of the SHG resonator may be necessary.

DLC pro, AutoAlign functionality, or the special solutions down to 190 nm. Novel 680 nm, with only few spectral gaps, and the best performance on the market.

Diode laser advantages

The diode laser systems are most compact in size, extremely reliable, conveniently operated, with low running costs and available without water cooling.

Based on almost 20 years of experience in building frequency converted diode laser systems, and several hundreds of units installed in the field, TOPTICA’s frequency-converted lasers are now entering an unprecedented level of stability, functionality and performance. They go digital!

SUV

The Super-UV functionality is a major technological leap, significantly boosting output powers and linewidths of DUV lasers. The redesign of the FHG stage includes complete sealing of the DUV optics, developed exclusively for DLC pro-controlled systems. The option includes a lifetime warranty, and the projected total lifetime exceeds 10,000 hours.

AutoAlign

In the past, the sturdy design of TOPTICA’s frequency-converted lasers has set standards in the entire field. Today, using digital electronics, we push even further. Thanks to the AutoAlign option, the time-consuming task of laser system realignment belongs to the past. With built-in intelligence and servo-controlled flexure mirror mounts, the system optimizes the coupling of the beams into TA and SHG cavity, and even the output fiber. Optimize your SHG power with one simple click!

PowerLock

During their experimental runs, many of our users rely on constant output power. The excellent stability of our current systems was improved further with PowerLock. Residual power excursions are cancelled automatically by controlling the TA power. Users benefit from stable SHG output powers, without having to compensate for drifts externally.

Fiber Mon

With the FiberMon option, one can directly monitor the optical power coupled to the SHG output fiber. AutoAlign and Power-Lock are ready to be used with

Features

- SUV: Unprecedented DUV power and linewidth
- AutoAlign option: Hands-off coupling into TA, doubling cavity and fiber (with FiberMon)
- PowerLock for applications demanding constant powers during longterm operation
- FiberMon: Measure, control and optimize your fiber-coupled laser!
- Every system customized with respect to experimental needs

Convenience & precision

The DLC pro control rack allows for full stand-off remote control and operation of the laser system. For working in the lab, the touch display allows direct control. For independent and remote control, a computer interface provides full access to all laser parameters. Just switch on your laser and start the experiment!

Furthermore, the users benefit from our lowest-noise digital control electronics. Since the master laser is based on TOPTICA’s DL pro technology, narrowest linewidths are routinely achieved, and sensitivity to environmental perturbations is minimized to an extreme level.
DLC TA-SHG pro
Frequency-Doubled High-Power Diode Laser

High-power, tunable UV, blue, green laser, yellow or red laser light.
The DLC TA-SHG pro, a frequency-doubled amplified diode laser, is the system of choice if narrow-band, tunable laser radiation with up to 2000 mW output power in the UV to visible wavelength range is required. Typical applications are laser cooling or trapping of atoms and ions, metrology, spectroscopy, holography and interferometry.

The system comprises a solid laser head, and a DLC pro digital electronics rack, including all modules needed to operate the fundamental diode laser, to stabilize the SHG resonator with respect to the laser wavelength, and to thermally control the nonlinear crystal. Ultra-low noise sensitivity, best long-term stability of the laser frequency and output power, as well as ease of use are the cornerstones of the design. Frequency locking of the master laser is available with the Lock option, and further linewidth narrowing is possible using fast lock modules (DigiLock 110, FALC 110) in combination with DLC ext.

TOPTICA’s patented beam-steering mirror mounts guarantee best short and long-term stability of the output power. With the AutoAlign option, servo-controlled mirrors and built-in intelligence re-optimize the beam alignment into the TA chip and the SHG cavity at the push of a button. Active power stabilization of the output (PowerLock) is integrated. Both optimization and stabilization are available for fiber-coupled systems with the FiberMon option. A probe-beam output of the fundamental laser is also provided. The TA-SHG pro lasers are available within a wide wavelength range (currently available 320 .. 780 nm with only few spectral gaps). Specific laser characteristics are customized to the respective application requirements.

Depending on the design wavelength, typical output powers range from 10 mW to 2000 mW. A medium-power solution without tapered amplifier (DL-SHG pro) is also available.

**Options**
- AutoAlign for TA, SHG and FiberMon stages
- FiberMon option (for SHG wavelengths of 400 nm - 640 nm)
- Integrated EOM option: Independent low-noise error signal generation
- Fiber output of fundamental probe beam and SHG probe beam
- Fast analog modules for further linewidth narrowing
- SYST control electronics or medium power version DL-SHG pro available upon request

UV meets high power
TOPTICA’s TA-FHG pro unites a grating-stabilized diode laser and a tapered amplifier as a fundamental light source with two cascaded second-harmonic generation stages SHG pro – all integrated in one solid laser head to obtain stable, high-power UV laser light. The laser can be operated like a DL pro external-cavity diode laser. Typical applications of TA-FHG pro lasers are ultra-high-resolution spectroscopy, laser cooling of atoms (e.g. Hg, H, Mg), ions (e.g. Mg, Yb), molecules (NO) or condensed-matter studies via angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES), and parametric down-conversion to the visible range.

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**Key Features**
- TA pro diode laser + SHG pro second-harmonic generator in one box
- UV, blue, green, yellow or red wavelengths: 330 - 680 nm
- 10 mW - 2000 mW output power (wavelength dependent)
- PowerLock: Active output power stabilization
- Up to 15 nm coarse tuning (wavelength dependent)
- Tunable single-frequency emission, typ. linewidth < 200 kHz
- Probe-beam output of fundamental laser and SHG beam
- SHG pro key features see page 36

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Schematic of the TA-SHG pro laser head: High power at common and exotic wavelengths (Medium-power version DL-SHG pro does not include the TA section.)

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Schematic of the TA-FHG pro laser head: High-power tunable UV laser radiation is generated by two-fold frequency doubling of an amplified diode laser TA pro (Medium-power version DL-FHG pro does not include the TA section.)
Pre-configured laser systems

TOPTICA’s TOPSellers are designed for some of the most common applications of our frequency-converted systems: Spectroscopy of (anti-)hydrogen, laser cooling applications with magnesium ions, beryllium ions or mercury atoms require DUV lasers. In the visible range, applications like the two-photon Rydberg excitation of rubidium via the D1 or D2 line, laser cooling of strontium, sodium, ytterbium (ions and atoms), are addressed with preconfigured TA-SHG pro systems.

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Options and Customization

Versatility of Frequency-Converted Systems

TOPTICA’s frequency-converted systems are ready for a multitude of applications with their standard configuration. For customers wanting to go one step further, the following customizations are available:

Exotic wavelengths

Exotic nonlinear crystals can be used to overcome the stringent limits on the lowest possible SHG wavelength imposed by standard materials. For example, the potassium fluoroborateberyllate (KBBF) crystal enables us to reach wavelengths below 200 nm. Another option is sum-frequency generation from two different wavelengths in conventional crystals.

(Raman) Fiber amplified systems

Fiber amplifiers can provide higher output power than diode lasers or tapered amplifiers. Thus, output powers of DL-ShG pro or DL-FHG pro systems can be significantly increased by using such amplifiers.

TOPTICA has extensive experience and access to the world’s leading single-frequency high power fiber amplifier manufacturers. For example, the laserguide star system uses a Raman fiber amplifier, and is capable of emitting 20 Watts of output power around 599 nm from a DL-RFA-ShG pro like system.

Similar systems are available at other wavelengths (above 250 nm for FHG and 500 nm for SHG systems) on request. Do not hesitate to challenge us!
**SYST SHG pro**

Stand-Alone Second Harmonic Generator

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**Specifications**

- **Center wavelengths**
  - DL-SHG pro / TA-SHG pro: 320 .. 680 nm / 330 .. 780 nm
  - DL-FHG pro / TA-FHG pro: 225 .. 320 nm / 190 .. 380 nm

- **Typical power range**
  - 1 .. 40 mW / 10 .. 2000 mW

- **Typical tuning range**
  - 2 .. 20 nm

- **Typical mode-hop-free tuning range**
  - 20 GHz

- **Typ. linewidth (μs)**
  - < 200 kHz

- **Long-term frequency change with room temperature**
  - < 200 MHz/K (typ. < 100 MHz/K)

- **Spatial mode**
  - Nearly diffraction limited, collimated, M² < 1.2 typ.

- **Warm-up time**
  - Few minutes, depending on crystal temperature

- **Environment temperature**
  - Operation: 15 .. 30°C (non-condensing), transport: 0 .. 40°C

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**Key Features**

- Air-sealed bow-tie cavity with highest mechanical and thermal stability
- Customized optics and AR-coated NLO crystal selection
- Analog electronics for Pound-Drever-Hall locking with automatic relock and temperature control for NLO crystal included
- Adjustments with closed head / resonator

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**Optical conversion efficiency**

- 410 nm - 1600 nm → 205 nm - 800 nm

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**Specifications SHG pro**

- **Wavelength range**
  - 410 nm - 1600 nm → 205 nm - 800 nm

- **Optical conversion efficiency**
  - 410 nm - 500 nm: 5 - 10 %
  - 500 nm - 700 nm: 12 - 20 %
  - 700 nm - 900 nm: 20 - 30 %
  - 900 nm - 1600 nm: 30 - 60 %

**General characteristics**

- **Beam quality**
  - Nearly diffraction limited, single-mode fiber-coupling efficiency > 60 % @ 400 nm

- **Beam diameter**
  - 1 - 2 mm

- **Beam height**
  - 50 mm

- **Tuning range**
  - > 60 GHz @ 400 nm output (continuous), 5-10 nm (coarse)

- **Polarization**
  - Linear, > 100:1

- **Residual intensity**
  - < 1 %

- **SHG cavity leak rate**
  - < 10⁻¹ mbar l s⁻¹

- **Dimensions (H x W x D)**
  - 90 x 216 x 400 mm³ (head) and 19" control rack

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**Options**

- **ECM option**
  - Independent low-noise error signal generation

- **Fiber input**
  - Fiber output of wavelengths above 350 nm

- **Double-Piezo Lock**
  - Two integrated piezo-electric actuators for the stabilization of the resonator length – can be added to the SHG pro.

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**Specifications**

- **RIN 10 Hz ... 10 MHz (typ.)**
  - < 0.2 %

- **Residual infrared unfiltered**
  - < 1 %

- **SHG cavity leak rate**
  - < 10⁻¹ mbar l s⁻¹

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**Features**

- Adjustable tuning with closed head / resonator
- Analog electronics for Pound-Drever-Hall stabilizing with automatic relock, Double-Piezo Lock optional
- Customized optics and AR-coated NLO crystal included
- Air-sealed bow-tie cavity with highest mechanical and thermal stability
- Mechanical and thermal stability

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**SYST SHG pro**

Flexible stand-alone second harmonic generator for single-frequency cw lasers.

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**Professional unit for frequency doubling of cw lasers**

The stand-alone Second-Harmonic Generator SHG pro is the device of choice for frequency-doubling of existing cw lasers. The SYST SHG pro package comprises mode-matching optics for the external laser, ultra-stable beam-steering mirrors, electronics for Pound-Drever-Hall stabilizing with automatic relocking of the resonator length and temperature control of the NLO crystal, the bow-tie resonator in pro design, and beam-shaping optics for the frequency-doubled light.

The AR-coated NLO crystal and the mirror coatings are specially selected according to customer requirements. The Double-Piezo Lock – two integrated piezo-electric actuators for the stabilization of the resonator length – can be added to the SHG pro.

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**Tuning range**

> 60 GHz @ 400 nm output (continuous), 5-10 nm (coarse)

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**Beam height**

50 mm

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**Power consumption**

Typ. < 100 W, max. 300 W

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**Operating voltage**

100 .. 120 V / 220 .. 240 V AC, 50 .. 60 Hz (auto detect)

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**Environment temperature**

Operation: 15 .. 30°C (non-condensing), transport: 0 .. 40°C

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**Warm-up time**

Few minutes, depending on crystal temperature

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**Spectral coverage with gaps**

Under stable laboratory conditions.

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**Wavelength range**

- 410 nm - 1600 nm

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**Optical conversion efficiency**

- 410 nm - 500 nm: 5 - 10 %
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- 700 nm - 900 nm: 20 - 30 %
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**Specifications SHG pro**

- **Center wavelengths**
  - DL-SHG pro / TA-SHG pro: 320 .. 680 nm / 330 .. 780 nm
  - DL-FHG pro / TA-FHG pro: 225 .. 320 nm / 190 .. 380 nm

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**Typical power range**

- 1 .. 40 mW / 10 .. 2000 mW

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**Typical tuning range**

- 2 .. 20 nm

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**Typical mode-hop-free tuning range**

- 20 GHz

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**Typ. linewidth (μs)**

- < 200 kHz

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**Long-term frequency change with room temperature**

- < 200 MHz/K (typ. < 100 MHz/K)

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**Spatial mode**

- Nearly diffraction limited, collimated, M² < 1.2 typ.

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**Warm-up time**

- Few minutes, depending on crystal temperature

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**Environment temperature**

- Operation: 15 .. 30°C (non-condensing), transport: 0 .. 40°C

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**Operating voltage**

- 100 .. 120 V / 220 .. 240 V AC, 50 .. 60 Hz (auto detected)

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**Power consumption**

- Typ. < 100 W, max. 300 W

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**Size laser head (H x W x D)**

- 90 x 410 x 485 mm³

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**Electronics**

- Single-stage 19" rack DLC pro
The DLC pro supports all lasers of TOPTICA’s cw diode laser series: All laser systems in the lab may be operated via the same intuitive user interfaces or command language.

**Features**
- Current, temperature and piezo controller with lowest noise and drift
- No fans for cooling required: High stability and low acoustic noise
- Signal display with hardware zoom (changes scan parameters to zoom into spectrum, etc.)
- Power Lock via control of current of laser diode or tapered amplifier current in kHz range
- Scan generator and X/Y, time- and frequency (FFT) display
- Side- and top-of-fringe locking*
- Two PIDs, lock-in signal generator*
- Lock detection and ReLock*
- Total remote control: PC GUI (included) for LabView or Python control programs
- Systems with frequency multiplexing available with DLC pro control:
  - DLC DL pro
  - DLC DL pro HP
  - DLC SHG pro
  - DLC CTL
  - DLC TA pro
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  - DLC DL-SHG pro
  - DLC TA-SHG pro
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- DLC pro Lock: Enabling of frequency locking features via software key.
- Break-out cable for digital lines
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- Time and frequency lockable with DLC pro Lock software license.
- Systems with frequency multiplexing available with DLC pro control:
  - DLC DL-SHG pro
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TOPTICA’s DLC pro is a fully digital controller for tunable diode lasers, offering a new level of stability and lowest noise while allowing intuitive and comfortable control. Zooming into a Doppler-free line on a touch display and locking by tapping the desired peak opens up a completely new way of working with lasers.

A well-configured ReLock mechanism greatly increases an experiment’s uptime, especially when it involves several lasers.

The advantages of using a digital control are starting to become available: A Power Lock allows for an active stabilization of the power, using an internal photodiode if available, to compensate for slow degradation of alignment or laser diode performance. Moreover, it is possible to use the included air pressure sensor to compensate for length changes in the laser cavity and hence improve the stability against mode-hopping even further.

The DLC pro Lock is a software licence that enables the frequency lock of DLC pro controlled lasers at bandwidths of up to 30 kHz. Both, top-of-fringe and side-of-fringe locks are enabled - including the modulation of the laser frequency and the demodulation of the spectroscopic signal.

The DLC pro offers intuitive dial and multi-touch control on a 7” capacitive touch display. Remote control is possible via USB and Ethernet (TCP/IP), allowing to combine these electronic locking systems, e.g. DigiLock, the first digital laser locking solution or the analog FALC 110, the fastest locking electronic. The DLC ext allows to combine these electronic modules with the DLC pro.

The DLC pro also offers laser-frequency locking enabled by a software license: A 30 day trial version is included. It has never been so easy to scan and lock a laser!

TOPTICA also provides a number of electronic modules for locking laser systems, e.g. DigiLock, the first digital laser locking solution or the analog FALC 110, the fastest locking electronic. The DLC ext allows to combine these electronic modules with the DLC pro.

Apart from a well-engineered opto-mechanical design and the integrated laser diode, the most important part of a tunable diode laser system is its driving electronics, which is responsible for getting the most out of a laser system.

Wide mode-hop-free tuning with Littrow setups requires a well-defined interplay between piezo actuator and current driver. Drifts of the laser diode current, the temperature or the piezo voltage determine the drift of the laser frequency and the stability against mode-hopping.

Noise on any of these outputs increases the laser linewidth. For laser frequency stabilization and linewidth narrowing, various locking schemes are used and require a variety of compatible options (see pages 10).

The digital DLC pro represents the latest stage of development of laser control electronics. Its noise and drift properties are even better than the well established and widely used preceding electronics SYS DC 110, which is still available as economic solution.

Easy operation of lasers with either an included computer program or at the laser controller directly.
**Specifications**

**DLC pro**

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<td>7 inch, 800 x 480 pixels, 256k colors</td>
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<td>Projective capacitive (PCAP) with multi-touch capability</td>
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**Features**

- Supports up to two modules, any two DLC pro, FALC 110, mFALC 110 | PDD 100/F, PDD 110/F, FALC 110 and mFALC 110 | High-Bandwidth Linewidth Control with Optional Analog Mixer

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For 1A pro systems, two CC-500 can be combined to drive one amplifier chip at up to 10 A.

**Optional break-out cable with 8 SMB connectors available.**

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**DDC pro**

The DDC pro extends the DLC pro with TOPTICA’s well-established fast locking modules. These modules DigiLock and FALC (see next page) provide high performance laser locking if a faster feedback than available with the DLC pro Lock option is needed.

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Laser system DLC DL pro extended by a DLC ext equipped with a DigiLock.

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**PDD 110/F, FALC 110 and mFALC 110**

DLC pro equipped with fast locking modules

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**PDD 110/F – fast Pound-Drever-Hall detector module**

The Pound-Drever-Hall Detector PDD 110/F serves to lock a diode laser to the maximum of an absorption, reflection or transmission feature, such as an optical resonator or an atomic line. The module generates an HF modulation signal that acts either on the laser current, or on an electro- or acousto-optic modulator (ECM, AOM). A phase-sensitive detector unit demodulates the spectroscopic signal and produces an error signal, which, in turn, serves as input for a PID regulator (e.g. FALC 110).

**FALC 110 – highest bandwidth for frequency locking**

The Fast Analog Linewidth Controller FALC 110, a high-speed control amplifier, performs advanced frequency stabilization tasks, such as laser linewidth reduction or high-bandwidth frequency locking. The module is compatible with any of TOPTICA’s tunable diode lasers such as the DL pro, DL 100 and DL DFB.

**mFALC 110 – the solution for phase locking**

The mixing FALC (mFALC 110) extends the functionality of the FALC 110 by integrating an additional analog mixer. The module accomplishes fast phase-locking of two diode lasers to a local RF oscillator. The beat signal of the two lasers is mixed and phase-stabilized to the external RF source.

**Sub-Hertz linewidths**

The design works: Researchers at MPQ Garching locked two diode lasers to two high-finesse ULE cavities, one of them using FALC 110. The beat width was less than 0.5 Hz. Sub-Hertz frequency stabilization of a DL pro with FALC was shown at the MPL Erlangen. And scientists at the University of Frankfurt used the mFALC to maintain a stable phase lock of two DL DFB lasers to a local RF oscillator, and employed this setup for coherent terahertz imaging.

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**General specifications**

- Adjustable TD path at mixer: 0° - 190°, inversion +/− 180°
- Total signal delay: 12 ns (100 MHz bandwidth)
- Number of detection channels: 1 (PD 110/F, DUAL)

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**Features**

- Supports up to two modules, any two DLC pro, FALC 110, mFALC 110 and DCC pro
- 4 BNC signal outputs for access to backplane signals
- External power supply with automatic mains voltage detection

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**PDD 110/F – Pound-Drever-Hall detectors**

FALC 110 – Fast Analog Linewidth Controller

mFALC 110 – FALC with integrated mixer.

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**References**

DigiLock 110
Digital Feedback Controller for Laser Locking and Analysis

Laser stabilization easier than ever
Selfmade solutions for stabilization tasks often involved a heap of electronics, soldering, trial and error, and frustration. The DigiLock 110 is TOPTICA’s versatile solution: a digital locking module, flexible to solve locking tasks with perfection, and yet easy to use thanks to intelligent software control with a clear and comfortable graphical user interface.

In addition to standard functions like side-of-fringe and top-of-fringe locking, the DigiLock 110 offers computer control over the laser, signal visualization, and signal analysis. In AutoLock mode, the user can modify the scan parameters of the laser by dragging the mouse, and zoom into a feature of a spectrum on the software oscilloscope screen.

With the feature displayed on the screen, one can then simply “Click & Lock” to any peak or slope. For optimizing lock parameters, spectral analysis of error signals can be performed, as well as measurements of actuator transfer functions.

DigiLock 110 – flexibility and perfection
Flexibility and perfection both originate from the underlying technology: The hardware is based on a fast FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array). Together with numerous high-speed and high-precision AD and DA converters, the FPGA provides the needed flexibility with sufficient bandwidth. The large bandwidth, in fact, allows for substantially reducing diode laser line-widths: using two DigiLocks 110 to lock two DL pro to one FP 100, a beat width of less than 300 Hz was measured.

As shown with FALC 110, it was possible to also achieve sub-Hz line-widths with the DigiLock 110, utilizing the high-bandwidth analog bypass.

Intelligence in laser stabilization
The DigiLock 110 tries to support the laser user wherever possible. In addition to the aforementioned features, the DigiLock can be configured to detect whether the frequency is locked – locked in general – or even whether the laser is locked to the right position.

It is for example possible to define a voltage window in a Doppler-broadened spectroscopy signal, that contains only one transition of the corresponding Doppler-free signal, thus allowing the laser to only lock to this particular peak (see AutoLock & ReLock example, page 43).

Once out of lock, the DigiLock can start searching, at pre-set speed, over a configurable width, until the voltage lies outside the window. The user can click on the slope position or “Click & Lock” to any peak or slope. For optimizing lock parameters, spectral analysis of error signals can be performed, as well as measurements of actuator transfer functions.

Multiple DigiLocks and remote control
The latest software version of the DigiLock 110 offers control of up to four DigiLocks from one computer. Also, remote control via TCP/IP is now available, so the DigiLock can be integrated in automated experiments and controlled by other hard- and software.

“Click & Lock”:
The user can click on the slope position or on any maximum or minimum. The laser scans to this position, and the DigiLock activates the lock.

“AutoLock & ReLock”:
The DigiLock enables/disables multiple PDs and an analog P component simultaneously. Once in lock, the error signal is plotted against the scan voltage for monitoring. The user can define voltage windows to allow the DigiLock to lock to certain features only, and initiate a search if the voltage lies outside the window.

“Spectrum and Network analysis”:
The DigiLock can show the spectrum of an error signal, for example to reveal oscillations. Actuator transfer functions and bandwidth can be measured by sweeping a modulation to an actuator and measuring the response in amplitude and phase. The picture shows a measurement of the DL pro pio ro resonance frequency.

Features
- Scan generator
- Laser control
- Multi-channel Oscilloscope
- Controller Design
- Dual PID + P
- Click & Lock
- Pound-Drever-Hall
- AutoLock & ReLock
- Lock-in
- Computer control
- Spectrum analysis
- Network analysis

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PHOTONICALS
Laser Diodes and Accessories

Photonic accessories and laboratory tools are just as important as the laser itself. Researchers in modern optical laboratories need to prepare their laser beams in the requested shape, separate them from undesired feedback, control the spectral performance and monitor the wavelength, to name just a few everyday tasks.

TOPTICA offers a variety of Photonicals – instruments and components that upgrade, refine or characterize lasers. We focus on a “selection of the best”: Unique components and top-grade instruments that are extremely useful in the daily operation of diode lasers.

For detailed product specifications, please refer to our website www.toptica.com.

TOPTICA's product line of Faraday optical isolators are specially designed and manufactured in-house by the laser experts of TOPTICA to give industry leading performance in single and dual stage configurations. Single stage devices provide at least 38 dB isolation and 85 % transmission (>43 dB and >92 % average) over individual wavelength ranges in total spanning 395 - 425 nm and 630 - 1400 nm. Dual stage models provide at least 60 dB isolation and 80 % transmission (> 67 dB and >90 % average) over individual wavelength ranges in total spanning 640 - 1100 nm. All models are wavelength adjustable and can handle power densities up to 4 kW / cm².

High isolation, transmission, and power densities are achieved with precision polarizers and precisely designed Faraday rotator elements. Most isolators have magnetically locked and removable protective endcaps and mounting fixtures. All internal optical components are angled to eliminate collinear back reflections. Extensive individual, wavelength-specific testing guarantees performance of each isolator. All optical sub-components are inspected upon receipt, and all assembled devices are tested for transmission and isolation over their design wavelength ranges before shipment.

TOPTICA’s isolators enable state of the art protection for the most stable lasers in the world. These are the same components already used by TOPTICA in the industry-leading DL pro, DL 100, TA-SHG pro, and TA-FHG pro product lines. They have been demonstrated to effectively reduce feedback in external cavity diode laser systems, block reflections from free-space fiber coupling, increase power stabilisation in optical systems, and eliminate feedback-induced damage to sensitive optical components. The same superior isolators that make TOPTICA lasers the industry standard are now offered individually.

Other wavelengths and broadband isolators as well as OEM customizations are available upon request. Additional wavelengths spanning the UV to NIR regions are also available for integration into our scientific laser systems.

Laser Diodes
- Unique selection of FP, AR and DFB diodes, 369 ... 3500 nm
- Tapered amplifier chips, 660...1495 nm with up to 3.5 W
- All diodes and amplifiers extensively tested and qualified
- Check our regularly updated diode and TA chip stock list: www.laser-diodes.com

TOPTICA offers single-stage and dual-stage optical isolators.

Key Features
- High power damage threshold (4 kW / cm²)
- Highest guaranteed isolation in industry
- > 38 dB (single stage)
- > 60 dB (dual stage)
- High transmission
- Wavelength coverage 395-425 nm, 630-1400 nm
- All internal components angled 1° to eliminate back reflections
- All isolators are wavelength adjustable

Single Stage Isolators

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FiberDock – Patented ultra-stable precise 6-axes mount for convenient single-mode fiber coupling.

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Free Space Optical Isolators
High Power Tunable Single and Dual Stage Performance
TOPTICA PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

Completed Overview

TOPTICA develops and manufactures high-end laser systems for scientific and industrial applications. Our product portfolio includes diode lasers, ultrashort laser pulses, terahertz systems and frequency combs for markets such as quantum technologies, biophotonics or materials test & measurement.

Scientists – including over a dozen Nobel laureates – and OEM customers acknowledge the world-class specifications of TOPTICA’s lasers, as well as their reliability, longevity and their ease of use. With about 230 employees, TOPTICA takes always pride in developing new products to continuously push their limits or in specifically designing customized systems.

From several places in Germany, USA and Japan and including a global distribution network we provide exceptional service and application consulting worldwide. Founded in 1998 near Munich (Germany), TOPTICA became one of the leading laser photonics companies by consistently delivering high-end products.

Difference Frequency Comb (DFC)

Inherently CEP-stable modular frequency combs

The operating principle of the offset-free Difference Frequency Comb relies on generating a broadband supercontinuum from the output of a low noise Er-fiber mode-locked oscillator and subsequent optical Difference Frequency Generation (DFG) between the low- and high-frequency parts of the octave spanning spectrum in a nonlinear crystal. The most important features are an improved stability and a more simple and reliable, all passive frequency offset stabilization. The comb is free from fluctuations of the offset-phase and offset-frequency due to the common mode suppression of the two parts of the original spectrum. Additionally, the carrier envelope offset frequency \( f_{CEO} \) of the DFC is fixed to zero.

TOPTICA’s frequency comb product line is a modular system that supports a broad variety of applications. Three basic versions of the DFC are available: DFC CORE, DFC CORE+ and DFC SEED. All models use TOPTICA proprietary CERO-technology to achieve an unprecedented low-noise performance.

The DFC CORE and its high performance version DFC CORE+ come with a digital oscilloscope for beat monitoring and a GPS disciplined RF reference included. They both provide 4 or optionally 8 phase-stable outputs at 1560 nm.

Several extension modules are available that can convert the DFC CORE / DFC CORE+ outputs to any wavelength between 420 nm and 2200 nm. The extension modules can be upgraded at any time after purchase of the DFC CORE and are interchangeable between outputs. In addition, beam combiner (DFC BC) and beat detector (DFC MD) units are available to provide RF beats between the DFC comb lines and cw lasers. The RF output signal of the DFC MD can be counted to determine the frequency of the cw laser. It also enables phase or frequency stabilization of the cw laser to the DFC using e.g. TOPTICA’s locking modules mFALC or DigiLock. In the DFC CORE+ version, the RF output signal can also be used to stabilize the DFC to the cw laser which serves as optical reference.

Such a DFC system can be combined with any of TOPTICA’s tunable diode lasers to achieve a complete, frequency-referenced laser system including wavelength meter and counter all from one source.

Spectral Interferometry

The performance of the CERO-technology is best characterized by means of spectral interferometry. The dedicated setup consists of an 1-2f interferometer with optical spectrum analyzer which records optical fringes at the output. It measures the absolute phase stability of the \( f_{CEO} \) and the absolute carrier frequency of the DFC which serves as optical reference.

TOPTICA’s Difference Frequency Comb in our dedicated frequency comb brochure.

Typical result of spectral interferometry for out-of-loop measurement of the CEP stability.

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**Key Features**

- Patented CERO-technology (zero-CEO) with intrinsic CEP stability
- RMS phase stability < 35 mrad
- Frequency stability < 8·10^-14 @ 1s
- Measured with RF reference or same as reference
- < 0.04 % RMS power fluctuations
- One free parameter \( f_{CEO} \) with up to 3 control elements (oscillator temperature, piezo, pump current) and > 400 kHz bandwidth
Single-Mode, Single-Frequency & Multi-Laser Engines

**TOPTICA**'s single-mode diode lasers set new standards in terms of power, low noise and convenient OEM integration. They come with diffraction limited TEM\(_{00}\) output and reliable spectral properties, as well as optional robust fiber coupling. Compact design and low power consumption make them superior to old-fashioned, bulky and inefficient gas lasers. Multi-laser engines seamlessly integrate several wavelengths into true one-box laser systems – switching between colors has never been easier. The systems’ flexibility and ease of use enable straightforward deep integration into any customer’s system design.

Visit www.toptica.com/products for more details. OEM and research inquiries welcome.

**Ideal for**
- Confocal microscopy
- Live-cell imaging
- Ellipsometry
- Flow cytometry
- Microfluidics
- Retina scanning

**iChrome**
- Multi-laser engines
- 4 to 8 laser lines in one box
- Various power/wavelength options
- PM fiber output
- Direct modulation up to 20 MHz
- COOL\(^{\text{TM}}\) – hands-off, self-aligning system

**Ideal for**
- Multiphoton / SHG microscopy
- Supercontinuum generation
- Material processing (Seeder)
- Semicon inspection
- Two-photon polymerization
- Time-domain terahertz
- Pump-probe spectroscopy
- Optical coherence tomography
- Attosecond science

**TopMode**
- 405 nm, 445 nm, 488 nm, 515 nm, 633 nm, 685 nm, 785 nm
- 20 mW .. 500 mW
- < 25 MHz linewidth,
- > 5 m coherence length
- Charm coherence control (TopMode)

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**iBeam smart**
- Single-mode diode lasers
- TEM\(_{00}\), M\(^2\) < 1.2
- 375 nm .. 785 nm
- 50 mW .. 300 mW
- cw and pulsed operation
- Optional fiber output

**Ideal for**
- Retina scanning
- Microplate readout
- Microlithography
- Interferometry
- Flow cytometry
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**FemtoFiber ultra**
- High-power ultrafast fiber laser
- 0.5 W @ 780 nm
- 5 W @ 1050 nm
- < 150 fs pulse duration
- TEM\(_{00}\), M\(^2\) < 1.2

**FemtoFiber pro**
- Versatile ultrafast fiber laser
- Broadband mid-IR source
- 1 fs .. 1 ps
- Multi-arm synchronized

**FemtoFiber dichro**
- "Two-color" ultrafast fiber laser
- Broadband mid-IR source
- 5 - 15 μm (20 - 60 THz)
- Output power > 0.5 mW

Ultrafast technology has seen a tremendous success since it was introduced. Many promising applications have emerged, benefiting mainly from the high peak power and ultrashort pulse duration, which give rise to nonlinear effects and open new paths in engineering and scientific research.

The key for successful use or integration of ultrafast technology is a robust system with simple push-button operation. **TOPTICA** offers cost-effective optimized products fulfilling these requirements: Ultrafast fiber lasers based on erbium- and ytterbium-doped active fibers. All systems use **TOPTICA**’s FemtoFiber technology, incorporating polarization-maintaining fibers, saturable absorber mirror mode-locking, and reliable telecommunication components. Visit www.toptica.com/products/psfs-fiber-lasers to learn more about our products.

**Output power / wavelength chart of TOPTICA’s single-mode diode lasers.**

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TOPTICA provides best-in-class systems for both time-domain and frequency-domain terahertz generation. The TeraFlash combines TOPTICA’s FemtoFiber smart lasers with state-of-the-art InGaAs antennas and sets new standards in terms of dynamic range, bandwidth and measurement speed for time-domain applications.

For frequency-domain terahertz spectroscopy, TOPTICA’s TeraScan systems – which are based on precisely tunable DFB lasers, digital control electronics, and latest GaAs or InGaAs photomixer technology – provide sub-10 MHz frequency resolution and ultimate ease-of-use. More details on terahertz technology and related products can be found on www.toptica.com/technology/technical-tutorials/terahertz.

Ideal for:
- Terahertz spectroscopy
- Trace gas sensing
- Non-destructive testing
- Hydration monitoring
- Material research
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Terahertz Systems

TeraFlash pro
- Time-domain THz system
- Up to 90 dB dynamic range
- 5 THz bandwidth
- Highest measurement speed

TeraScan
- Frequency-domain THz system
- Up to 90 dB dynamic range
- Up to 2.75 THz bandwidth
- < 10 MHz frequency resolution

Terahertz Accessories
- Schottky Detectors (high sensitivity & high speed models)
- Optomechanics (2-mirror & 4-mirror assemblies)
- Reflection head

Typical THz spectrum as obtained with time-domain system TeraFlash.

Typical THz spectrum as obtained with frequency-domain system TeraScan.

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